

Amendments to claims

Claim 1 (original): A pressure-sensitive adhesive composition comprising an acrylic copolymer and at least two substantially different tackifiers wherein at least one tackifier has a softening point of greater than about 60°C and at least another tackifier has a softening point of less than about 40°C.

Claim 2 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 wherein at least one of said tackifier having a softening point of less than about 40°C is a rosin ester tackifier.

Claim 3 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 wherein at least one of said tackifier having a softening point of greater than about 70°C is a terpene phenolic tackifier.

Claim 4 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 comprising a terpene phenolic tackifier and a rosin ester tackifier.

Claim 5 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 wherein the adhesive has a glass transition temperature of from about -20°C to about -30°C.

Claim 6 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 wherein the copolymer is crosslinked using a crosslinking agent.

Claim 7 (original): A adhesive of claim 4 wherein the acrylic copolymer comprises at least one alkyl acrylate monomer containing from about 4 to about 18 carbon atoms in the alkyl group.

Claim 8 (previously amended): The adhesive of claim 7 wherein the copolymer further comprises at least one hydroxy functional monomer and/or at least one carboxy functional

monomer.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The adhesive of claim 7 wherein the [polymer] copolymer comprises 2-ethyl hexyl acrylate.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The adhesive of claim 7 wherein the [polymer] copolymer further comprises methyl acrylate.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The adhesive of claim 7 wherein the [polymer] copolymer further comprises acrylic acid.

Claim 12 (original): An article of manufacture comprising the adhesive of claim 1.

Claim 13 (original): The article of claim 12 which is a pressure sensitive adhesive tape.

Claim 14 (original): The article of claim 12 which is a label.

Claim 15 (original): The adhesive tape of claim 13 comprising a polymeric backing, wherein the adhesive is applied to a surface of said backing.

Claim 16 (original): The tape of claim 15 wherein the backing comprises a polyurethane foam.

Claim 17 (original): The tape of claim 16 wherein the adhesive is applied to both sides of said backing.